

CURRENT GROUPER REGULATIONS FOR THE GULF OF MEXICO

COMMERCIAL				
Complex	Species	Quota	Size/Trip limits	Closed season
Deep-Water	Misty, snowy, yellowedge, warsaw, speckled hind	1.02 million pounds (MP)	None; 6,000 pound trip limit*	Closed when the 1.02 MP quota is filled
Shallow-water	Black, gag, red, yellowfin, scamp, yellowmouth, rock hind, red hind	8.80 MP; 5.31 MP for red grouper	Black-24"TL** Gag-24"TL Red-20"TL Yellowfin-20"TL Scamp-16"TL; 6,000 pound trip limit*	Seasonal closure February 15-March 15; Closed when either the 8.80 MP shallow-water quota or the 5.31 MP red grouper quota is filled
Protected	Goliath, Nassau			No harvest allowed
RECREATIONAL				
Complex	Species	Target Catch Level	Size Limits	Trip limits
Groupers	Black, gag, red, yellowfin, scamp, yellowmouth, rock hind, red hind, yellowedge, misty, snowy, speckled hind, warsaw	1.25 MP for red grouper	Black-22."TL Gag-22"TL Red-20" TL Yellowfin-20" TL Scamp-16" TL	5/person in aggregate of all groupers; no more than 1 red grouper per person as part of aggregate; 1 warsaw and 1 speckled hind per vessel
Protected	Goliath, Nassau			No harvest allowed

*Trip limit includes total weight of shallow-water and deep-water species combined.

**TL = Total length